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PUBLIC SAFETY COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

MONDAY, AUGUST 17, 2020

6:30 P.M.

VIA WEBEX

1. Chairman Darnell Ford Calls Meeting to Order at 6:37 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councilman Darnell Ford, Chairman
Councilwoman Meghan Carta
Councilman Anthony Mangiafico
Councilman Philip Pessina
Councilwoman Linda Salafia

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Timbro – Acting Chief of Police

2. Approval of Minutes – July 20, 2020

Councilman Pessina made a Motion to approve the PSC Minutes for July 17, 2020; Seconded by Councilman Mangiafico. There being no discussion or objection, Motion approved.

3. Public Hearing – Matters on the Agenda Only

None.

4. Correspondence

Chief Timbro proceeded to read a few letters that were sent:

- A Thank You card from Donna White, wife of former Officer Doug White (who passed away on July 5, 2020), thanking the MPD for going above and beyond the call of duty with the funeral;
- A Thank You note from Maghan Heslin for a couple of Officers' participation in celebrating her Mom & Dad's 50th Wedding Anniversary with a surprise parade which the Officers were a part of; that her parents were surprised and very touched by the whole thing;
- Two (2) Letters of Appreciation for Officers Tavares...
 - * From Hunters Ambulance for his attention in dealing with a very stressful and volatile situation, utilizing his de-escalation skills; and
 - * From Stanley Newkirk, regarding his broken down vehicle at Washington and Route 9. That the he had already called AAA, and while the tow-truck was already on its way, he was very impressed with the humanity Officer Tavares displayed; that he went above and beyond his duties as a Police Officer to ensure his safety; and that with all the negativity going around regarding Police Officers, Officer Tavares' actions took away his apprehensions.
- A Thank You from Larry McHugh, President of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce, regarding the upcoming 2020 Over the Edge event to benefit Special Olympics Connecticut presented by Mohegan Sun, in which ten (10) Middletown Police Officers, including Chief Timbro, participate in this fundraiser. The event will be held on September 4, 2020. He added that he will send them the link for said event.

5. Monthly Reports

Chief Timbro reported July's report is pretty much on par from last year's. There being no further questions, Chief Timbro proceeded to respond to Councilman Mangiafico's questions regarding the Body Cam costs.

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Chief Timbro said that one of the top companies involved in the technology of body cams is Axon, and the prices they were given include storage, hardware – not sure if it's leasing or purchasing, although leasing is better due to the constant changes/upgrades on them – that this is a 5-year plan. He added that there's two (2) plans: A body cam only plan; and a body and taser cam. He stated that in the lower plan...

- Year one (1) is \$280,000.00
- Year two (2) through five (5) is \$120,000.00 per year
- Total 5-year plan: \$760,000.00 for the body cam, hardware, software, and storage cost

Chief Timbro then went on to the higher plan...

- Year one (1) is \$374,000.00
- Year two (2) through five (5) is \$240,000.00 per year
- Total 5-year plan: \$1,300,000.00 for the body cam, hardware, software, and storage cost

After a Q&A/Discussion, Chief Timbro added that they spoke to Bristol (*Police*) who's had body cams for a couple of years, and they had to add two (2) full-time IT people and one (1) Records person just to handle the processing the videos, locating the videos when things are requested; redacting and/or blocking faces of minors or victims who can't be shown for Domestic Violence, etc.

6. Old Business

a. Animal Shelter

Chief Timbro said he didn't have an update since last month.

7. New Business

Councilwoman Salafia said there was another accident on Saybrook Road. After a brief discussion, Chief Timbro stated that Sergeant Michael Inglis will be the new Traffic Sergeant effective August 24th, and he'll let him know.

8. Public Hearing Reopened – Other Matters

None

9. Meeting Adjourned...

Councilwoman Salafia made a Motion to adjourn; Seconded by Councilman Mangiafico. There being no discussion or objection, Motion approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:06 P.M.

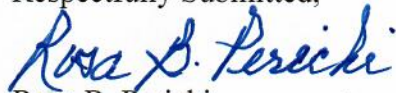
Next Public Safety Commission Meeting: Monday, September 21, 2020, 6:30 P.M.

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Respectfully Submitted,



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Recording Secretary